

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 3, before line 13 that recites "Detailed description of this Invention" add new paragraphs:

--Figure 5: front view of another embodiment of the present invention showing a cleft to the right from the hole in the central portion.

Figure 6: front view of another embodiment of the present invention showing a cleft to the left from the hole in the central portion.

Figure 7: front view of still another embodiment showing central longitudinal lines extending to both the front and rear, representing clefts by which the device is formed into a set of halves that are rejoinable during surgery.--

On page 4, lines 15-17 enter the Replacement paragraph:

--According to a further embodiment of the invention, the present invention has a central hole and a transverse cleft H which, starting from the central hole, cuts the central portion to the right of the hole, or the one to the left, in two halves, as seen in Figures 5 and 6 respectively.--

On page 6, line 31 through page 7, line 2, enter the Replacement paragraph:

--The dimensions of the holes in the materials that may be used according to the invention have a diameter preferably comprised between 0.01 cm and 0.05 cm

ad more preferably 0.03 cm, at a distance from each other preferably of between 0.06 and 0.1 cm, and more preferably 0.08 cm.--